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Picatinny experimenting with Segways

PICATINNY, N.J. -- Engineers and scientists here are testing the new transportation tool, the Segway, for possible military use.

Current experiments are looking at using the two-wheeled, self-balancing platforms to carry inspection equipment in field situations.

According to John W. Grassia, a Development Project Officer from the base's Fire Support Armaments Center, the device could possibly be modified to help military personnel speed up the physical movement of soldiers in certain situations and allow them to increase their carrying capacity.

The device is designed to operate in any pedestrian environment.

The evaluation here is looking at how well the device might perform in military applications as well as what might have to be done to the system to adapt to such environments, Grassia said.

Other possible applications might be patrols, surveillance, and routine movement of personnel in and between buildings, he explained.